Some amount has to be adjusted towards the dues of the previous year. I request that the House will be pleased to grant the additional allotment.

Grant was put and carried.

24. Rs. 55 under 12—Jails (Cranganur) by transfer from L & J.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I rise to move for a transfer of Rs. 55 from 12 Jails—Diet of Prisoners—Cranganur from 11—Criminal Justice—Battas to Complainants and Witnesses. I request that the House will be pleased to sanction this.

Grant was put and carried.

25. Rs. 10 under 12—Jails (Cranganur) by transfer from L & J

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—I rise to move for a transfer of Rs. 10 to 12—Jails—Miscellaneous—Cranganur from 11—Criminal Justice—Battas to Complainants and Witnesses. I request the House will be pleased to sanction this.

Grant was put and carried.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1113 M. E.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—With your kind permission, Sir, I rise to present the budget estimates for 1113. Though I have been closely associated with the preparation of the budgets of the State for the best part of my official career of well nigh a quarter of a century and more, it has been my privilege to present it to the Council only during the last five years and I am very greatful that during this period I have been the fortunate recipient of uniform courtesy all round from friends and critics alike. From the very nature of the work, it is not possible to satisfy the divergent claims of varying interests in a budget owing to the inelastic nature of our revenues and the daily growing demands of the progressive administration of a State well nigh verging on to cent per cent literacy; but every endeavour has been made to include in the coming budget all possible items consistent with the resources at our disposal which would promote the well-being of the people who are the bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh, whose interests are identical with mine, and whom I

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have to join after the short span of my official career. Hence there can be no clash of ideals and interests here which mar the harmony of team work essential for every governance, and we look forward with interest to the constructive suggestions you have to make during the course of the discussions as the representatives of the people so that they may be borne in mind and translated into action whenever possible now and in future. Retrenchment has been the cry of the day and I wish to start it in respect of my speech.

2. With these few words, I enter into the subject at hand.

3. Before proceeding to the subject before us, I shall briefly survey the accounts of the year that is past (1111) and touch upon the anticipated results of the current year which are based on the experience so far we have had—since these furnish a fitting back ground on which our estimates for the coming year are in several cases forecasted.

ACCOUNTS OF 1111.

4. For 1111 we budgetted for a revenue of Rs. 98·54 lakhs and an expenditure of Rs. 97·84 lakhs leaving a small surplus of Rs. 0·70 of a lakh. The actual transactions of the year, however, resulted in a deficit of Rs. 0·96 lakh, the revenue and expenditure having been Rs. 99·48 lakhs and Rs. 100·44 lakhs respectively. As the reasons which led to this small variation have been explained in detail in the memorandum which is in the hands of all the members I do not propose to take much time of the House by traversing over the same ground again.

But it may naturally be asked why according to the revised estimate of 1111 we anticipated a deficit of Rs. 5·55 lakhs on the basis of an anticipated revenue of Rs. 98·60 lakhs and an expenditure of Rs. 104·15 lakhs when the actual deficit did not come up to even a lakh. This large difference might reflect bad forecasting if it were not properly accounted for. In the first place, the actual revenue receipts showed an increase of nearly Rs. 1 lakh mainly brought about by the unforseen increase under 'Income-tax'. Secondly, while the expenditure was fixed at Rs. 104·15 lakhs in the Revised Estimate, the actual expenditure came to Rs. 100·44 lakhs only. The main item which went to reduce the actuals was the 'Stoneware Factory' the asset value of which amounting to Rs. 2,15,551 was abated from charges and transferred to 'Capital' not charged to revenues as a result of the policy introduced two years ago of commercialising the accounts of industrial and other concerns of a pro-

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